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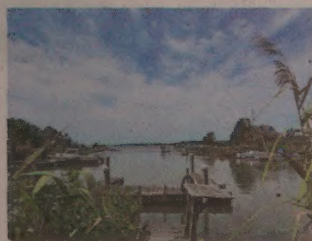
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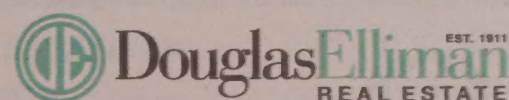
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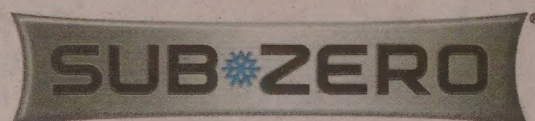


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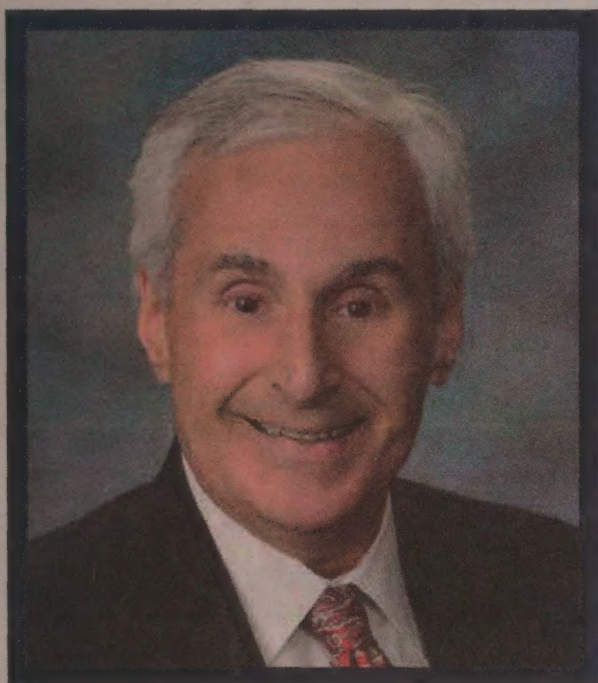
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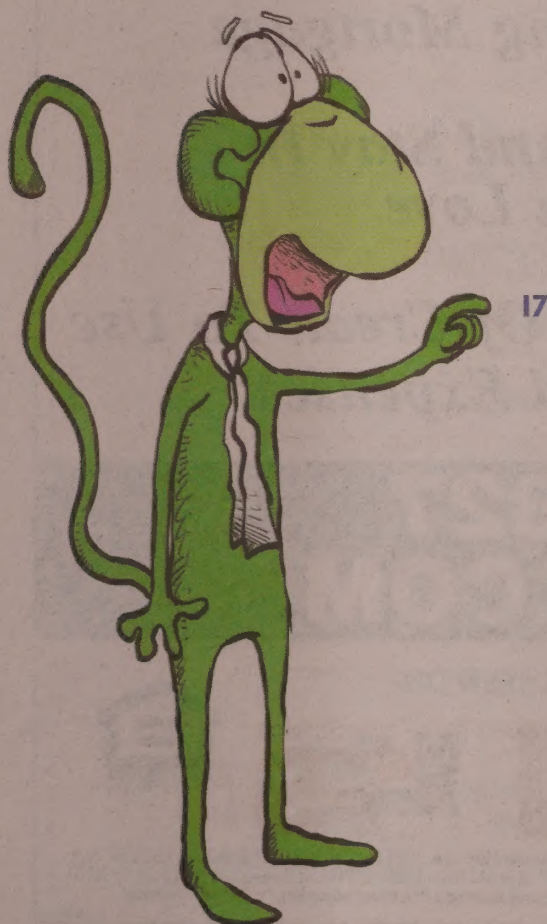
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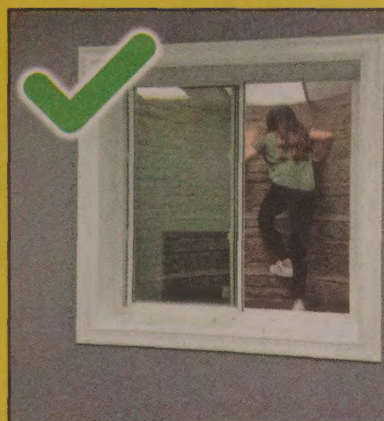
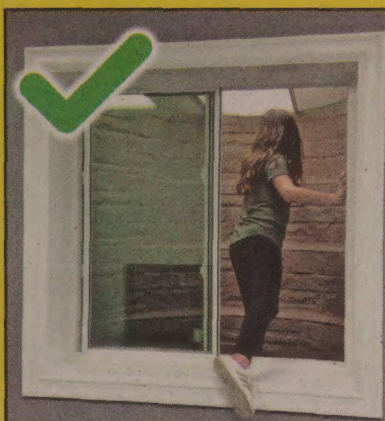
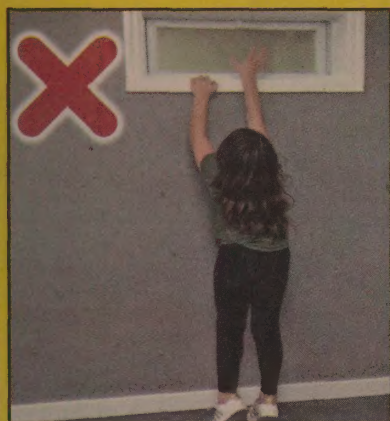
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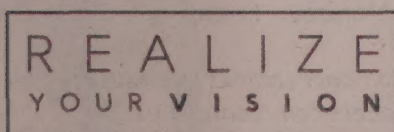
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Over her career, Kalen has held many positions on the Long Island Board of Realtors including President of the Hamptons chapter, Board Director and currently serving on the Executive Board as Vice President East End Liaison, helping grow her expertise in Real Estate rules, regulations and the industry as a whole. After 20 years in the Real Estate business, she is excited for the next phase of her career as Sales Manager, and Daniel Gale Sotheby's International Realty is proud to welcome her aboard.



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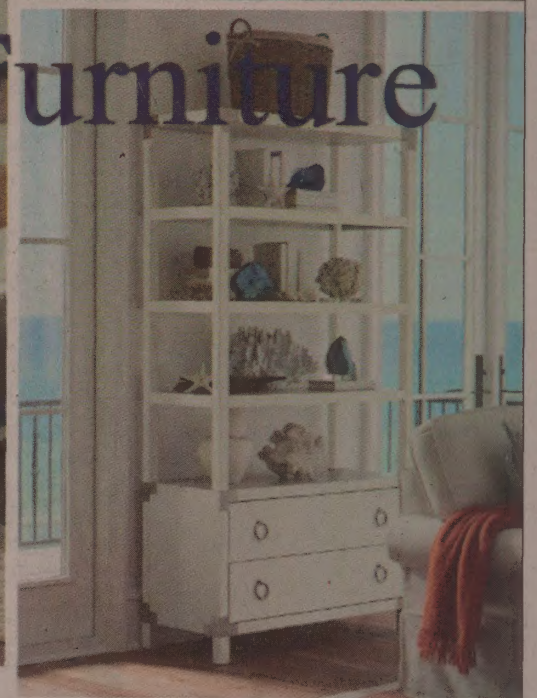
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 1–6 P.M.

It's time to party, Sag Harbor style! HarborFrost, the annual celebration of winter highlighting two extreme elements—fire and ice—is back featuring a day filled with live ice carving demonstrations, ice sculptures along Main Street, fire juggling, fire dancing, live music performances, indoor children's activities, a drone laser light show, speed shucking and much more. There's something for everyone, so spend this Saturday shopping, dining and exploring the delightful, historic village! See the full schedule on page 24.

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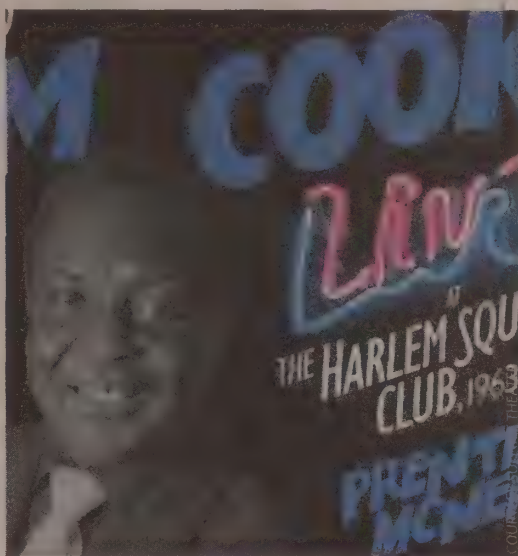
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SOUL SPECTACULAR WITH THE HOODOO LOUNGERS
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The Hoodoo Loungers are known for their electrifying performances, and this time they're digging into the roots of 1960s and '70s soul music to create an epic conclusion to HarborFrost 2020. The night also features the Bay Street Theater debut of Mighty Ramon and the Phantom of Souls to round out the can't-miss Soul Spectacular. Tickets are \$30.

Bay Street Theater
1 Bay Street, Sag Harbor
631-725-9500, baystreet.org



A SALUTE TO SAM COOKE BY PRENTISS MCNEILL
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 8 P.M.

Re-live the music of the King of Soul, Sam Cooke, whose *Live at the Harlem Square Club* record was declared one of the greatest live albums of all time by *Rolling Stone*. Prentiss McNeill, former member of The Drifters, will lovingly re-create that legendary show for a night of unbridled soul. Tickets are \$45-\$49, and there is a \$10 dining minimum.

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"VIVIAN'S MUSIC, 1969"
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In honor of Black History Month, LTV presents the award-winning play based on the killing of a 14-year-old girl that incited one of the worst race riots in history. Directed by Glory Kadigan, the performance stars Kailah King and Russell Jordan and is followed by a panel discussion moderated by Reverend Kimberly Quinn Johnson. Tickets are \$20.

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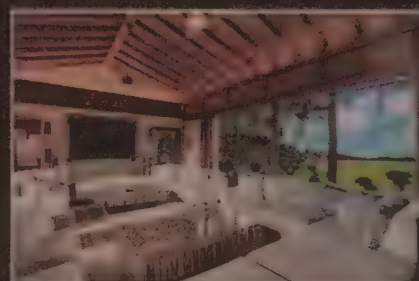
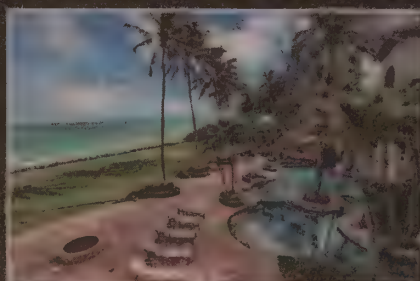
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Amagansett's **Alec Baldwin** has signed on to *Flint*, a feature documentary about the Michigan town's water crisis. Baldwin will voice the film, which investigates the contaminated water's harmful health effects on local residents. After a U.K. theatrical release, *Flint*'s world premiere will take place at the Hamptons International Film Festival this October.

Congratulations, **Beyoncé** and **Blue Ivy Carter**! The East Hampton mother-daughter team won an NAACP Image Award for "Brown Skin Girl," their song from *The Long King: The Gift* soundtrack. The winning award category was Outstanding Duo, Group or Collaboration, and the honor was shared with **WizKid** and **Saint JHN**.

Feel better, **Sean "Diddy" Combs**! The longtime South Fork resident was forced to cancel a scheduled appearance in San Francisco to undergo surgery for the fourth time in two years. The procedure repaired a quadriceps tendon tear, which, according to Combs, resulted from a clumsy accident. The music mogul told fans on social media, "At the end of the day, this is God's work to slow me down...take better care of my body and eat right, and just stop treating my body like a machine."

Hamptonite **Bethenny Frankel** may be done with the *Real Housewives of New York City*, but she's not taking a break from television.

The star and businesswoman has a new show in the works from her own B Real Productions and MGM for the HBO Max streaming service, tentatively titled *The Big Shot with Bethenny*. An eight-episode business competition series, the series will follow "the next generation of business moguls [as they] compete for a chance to be second-in-command to business tycoon and Skinnygirl founder Frankel, and win a coveted position working on her executive team... Through a series of real-life tasks and challenges, each aspiring mogul will be tested to see how far they can push their creativity and determination to rise to the top."

Sag Harbor's **Billy Joel** shared the Madison Square Garden stage with another Hamptons notable on February 20: **Itzhak Perlman**. The famed violinist, who calls Shelter Island home, joined Joel for "Where's the Orchestra," "The Downeaster Alexa" and more.

East Hampton resident **Martha Stewart** will soon appear in *Dishing with Julia Child*, an upcoming show that pays tribute to the beloved chef. During the series, Stewart, joined by **Sara Moulton**, **Carla Hall** and others, will watch episodes of *The French Chef*, Child's cooking show, and share commentary. *Dishing with Julia Child* will stream on PBS Passport and PBS Living beginning Feb. 28, and air on PBS this April.

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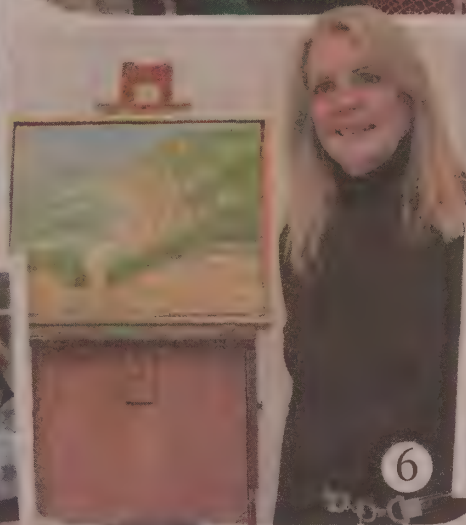
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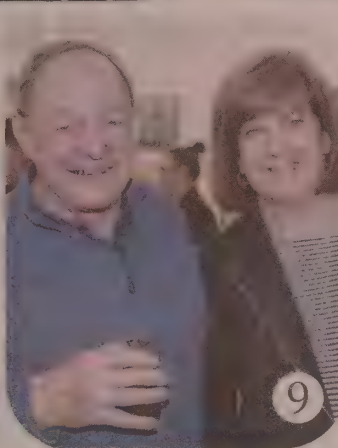
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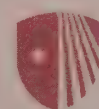


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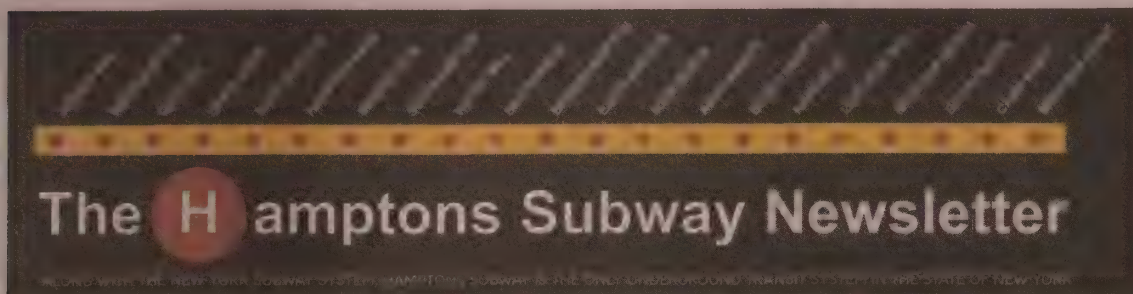


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BY DAN RATTINER

Week of February 28–March 6, 2020

Riders this past week: 38,422

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DOWN IN THE TUBE

Jon Bon Jovi and his son, Jesse Bongiovi, were seen on the subway Sunday traveling from Amagansett to East Hampton, carrying two unopened bottles of their award-winning rosé. Had they been opened, of course, they would be illegal on the subway. Also seen on the subway were Nicole Kidman, returning from the North Fork crossing the platform to get a local in North Haven Tuesday, and Kelly Ripa, Mark Consuelos and Alan Alda, all riding in the same subway car between Southampton and Water Mill Thursday.

ESCALATOR RACES.

As we reported last week, up the down escalator races have been scheduled for Southampton station as part of the 2020 Tokyo Summer Olympics outreach location program for minor sporting events. Hamptons Subway has already scheduled time trials for local athletes, but now

we find this is one of those fake news reports they do on that internet thing, so everybody just stand down. We regret the error.

GOLDEN SPIKE STOLEN

In 1927, a golden spike was pounded into the tracks in Water Mill celebrating the linking up of the subway tracks—one crew building west from Montauk and the other east from Speonk. Now it's reported stolen. Maintenance discovered this when they examined the trackage at Water Mill after subway motormen reported unexpected swerves as their trains passed over the spot. It turns out the spike there now is fool's gold, put there by a thief, and it got sheared off between the tracks and railroad ties Monday, causing the swerves. Real gold doesn't break like that. Fools gold does. That's why they call it fools gold. Temporarily, our maintenance workers banded in a titanium spike. They also set up 24-hour surveillance cameras to keep watch. Yes, the horse is out of the barn, but still.

MARKETING LAUNCH

Our new and hard-working marketing director, Connor Conway, is now almost ready to launch

the huge ad campaign he created that will increase ridership on the subway system. VISIT MTK billboards will be set up at the Westhampton Beach stop entrance. VISIT WHB billboards will be at the entrance to the Montauk stop. TV commercials will ask viewers to DO THE SUB, a new kind of dance. Riders will be given special earphones as they go through the turnstiles on which celebrity Dan Rattiner will offer a narrative of the tourist attractions above as the subway heads through the tunnels below. I'M A SUBSTER baseball caps will be on sale at each of the Subway Restaurant kiosks located on all our platforms and new hi-drama sirens and blinking red lights have been installed at all tunnel openings. When a train heads along a tunnel and gets to within 30 seconds of emerging into a station, the sirens will blare and the lights will blink to welcome them. Connor—we call him that—is also going to hold a subway-wide competition from Memorial Day to August 1, allowing riders to compete in composing a short new song celebrating each subway station, with one winner announced for each at a ceremony headed up by Commissioner Bill Aspinall at the Hamptons Subway office cafeteria in September. And there will be trophies.

COMMISSIONER ASPINALL'S MESSAGE

Connor Conway is my wife's brother and we are proud to have him lead Hamptons Subway's new marketing campaign into the future. His plan to build parking garages under every station platform so riders could drive and park before getting on the trains is still in the works, but wending its way through the various town and village zoning boards. 🐘

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Police BLOTTER

BY OLIVER PETERSON

PARAKEET EARNS PLOVER PROTECTION

The Hamptons Police Department Environmental Squad (HPDES) sent out an urgent bulletin on Monday to let citizens know that anyone harming Bobby—the famous budgerigar parakeet who gained a massive YouTube following this year after he began nesting with piping plovers in Sagaponack—would be charged as if they were harming the protected birds with whom he lives.

According to the bulletin, it has been ruled that Bobby identifies as a piping plover and should therefore be allowed all the rights and protections of his chosen species. “It is unprecedented to find a parakeet so naturally identifying as a piping plover, and it is our belief that Bobby truly is what his actions prove him to be,” the HPDES findings conclude.

Piping plovers are a threatened species on the Atlantic Coast. Harming or interfering with these birds or one of their eggs can earn violators up to six months in prison and fines to the tune of \$25,000. Bobby, who must have escaped captivity from a local home last summer, is

hard to miss among his plover brethren thanks to the tropical bird’s green, yellow and black plumage. “If you see him, don’t try to catch him,” police said. “Stay away, if you know what’s good for you.”

PLUMBING THE DEPTHS OF CORRUPTION

Local officials and citizens were outraged after learning that Hamptons Police chief Joe Ronson pulled the department’s Virginia-class nuclear submarine, *Jaws VIII*, out of its dry dock months early in order to give daughter Brooklyn Jayne Ronson what he called “the ultimate, super sweet sixteen party” on Saturday.

According to reports, Chief Ronson ordered Hamptons Police Department Submarine Unit (HPDSU) Captain Curly McGruff to extricate the sub from its dry dock and have the massive craft “ready to party” last month, but the salty sea captain flatly refused. After some back and forth with no progress, Chief Ronson gave up on recruiting McGruff for the job. Instead, he temporarily reinstated shamed former HPDSU captain Finn Zorn, who was perfectly happy to give Brooklyn Jayne and 50 of her closest friends an undersea tour, complete with superstar DJ and on-deck dancing during various periods on the surface.

Several witnesses claimed the teens were allowed to drink an “array of wine coolers, rosé and malt beverages” throughout the party, but



Chief Ronson flatly denies these claims, adding simply, “I only wanted to show my little girl a good time, and that’s perfectly within my rights as chief of police.”

Actually, it’s not, Hamptons PD spokesman Rex Gallant told reporters on Wednesday, while assuring everyone that internal affairs agents are checking the veracity of all accusations made against

Chief Ronson. “One thing we do know for sure—the chief definitely used the submarine for this party, which is a massive and costly breach of protocol,” Gallant said. “There are also some serious questions about how he paid for the DJ, who typically earns \$50,000 per appearance.” For now, the DJ’s name is being kept out of the official record.

Despite her father’s legal trouble, Brooklyn Jayne showed no remorse when addressing her 22,000 Instagram followers on Sunday. In a caption beneath a shot of her holding what looked alarmingly like an alcoholic cocktail aboard the sub, she wrote: “The party was totally worth it, y’all! All hail to the Queen!!! #wastedbelowthewaves #queenofthedeep #depthsofdepravity”

Her post was taken down, but multiple media sources captured screenshots of it, so the damage was already done. Investigation results are expected soon. In the meantime, both Chief Ronson and Captain Zorn are suspended with pay. 🐟

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Brief Stories

Short Presidents, Space Soldiers, Sunrise & Bananas



BY DAN RATTINER

SHORT

Being short is in the news. President Trump declared he'd love to run against "Tiny Mike" Bloomberg. Bloomberg had demanded that he be able to stand on a box if the time came when he might debate Trump. Actually, he didn't. Trump just made that up. An aide to Trump referred to Bloomberg as being 5' 4." Actually, he isn't. He's 5' 7" but who's counting. Bloomberg said that where he comes from, people measure how tall you are from the neck up. Trump has not responded to that.

Actually, I'm 5' 8". But I never thought of a box before. I once went to the Madame Tussauds wax

museum in Manhattan. Nearly all the presidents, and even almost all the male celebrities, towered over me. We elect people we can look up to. I have never forgotten this lesson. I have tried mightily, but it's no use—5' 8" is it. I intend to go see Vladimir Putin about how he handles the problem. He and I see eye-to-eye on things.

SPACE FORCE

As you probably know, our President has ordered the establishment of a Space Force. This is our sixth military branch. It joins the Army, the Navy, the Marines, the Airforce and the Coast Guard, which are filled with soldiers, sailors and airmen. As it is being fully established, however, the military has decided to ask the citizenry what we should name the people who join the

Space Force. This is a democracy. I'm sure you remember when we all voted soldiers, sailors and airmen in. What say you? Space Cadets? How about Floaters?

A downside of this, something I bet has not been thought of, is what this new military branch might result in. It could start an arms race. Not from others on Earth, but from others on other planets. Martians might look out and see, uh, oh the Earthlings are getting ready to attack. Raise the heat shields. Get out the cannons and the death stars.

SUNRISE, SUNSET

Many, many years ago, the highway department began a new highway to get out from New York City to Montauk. They called it Sunrise Highway.

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Would they have called it the Sunset Highway if they began it in Montauk and headed it in to Manhattan? I, for one, want to know.

THE BANANA GAP

Our usual breakfast includes a sliced banana on cold cereal. Because fresh bananas go bad after seven days, bananas are usually on a once a week shopping list. The cost of bananas is so low, going out of your way to find the cheapest ones is not a priority. And so, we just have it on the list and, wherever we go, if there's a store that sells bananas that's where we get them.

This has led to what I call the Banana Gap. The Banana Gap is the difference between what is charged in one place compared to what is charged in another for one banana. Since all bananas start out on a tree in Central or South America and there is no elite banana that should of course cost more, the gap in price charged is a reliable indicator of the gap between the rich and the poor. Here in the Hamptons, the banana gap has grown dramatically over the years. I don't intend to name particular stores, but here's the essence of it in my hometown. And you know who you are.

Small local grocery store 25¢
Large Supermarket 40¢
Small Supermarket 50¢
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7-Eleven \$1.25
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Specialty market \$1.85
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NEXT TIME YOU SLICE A BANANA FOR YOUR BREAKFAST, THINK ABOUT THE BANANA GAP

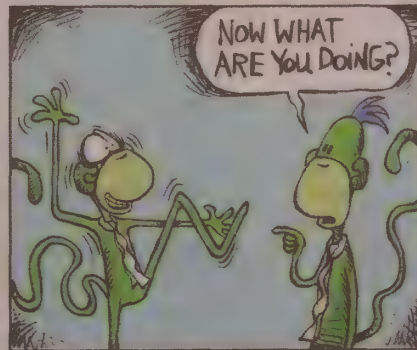
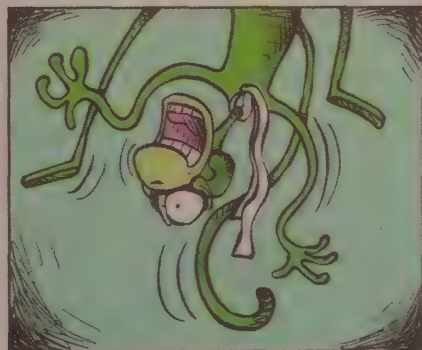
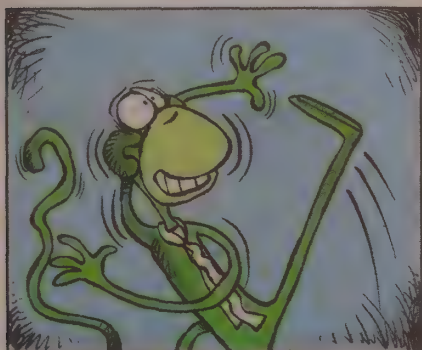
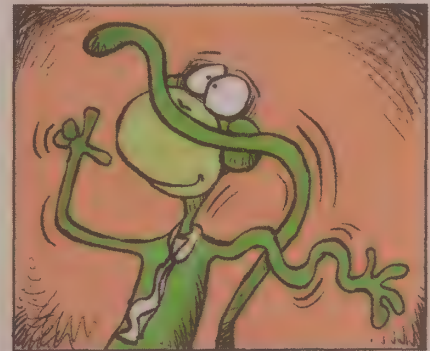
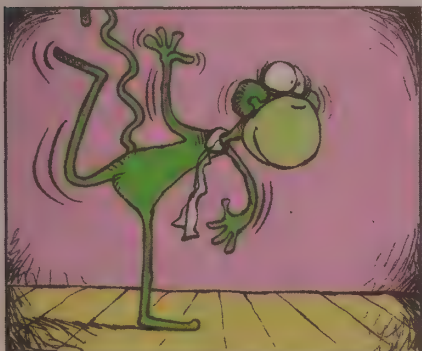
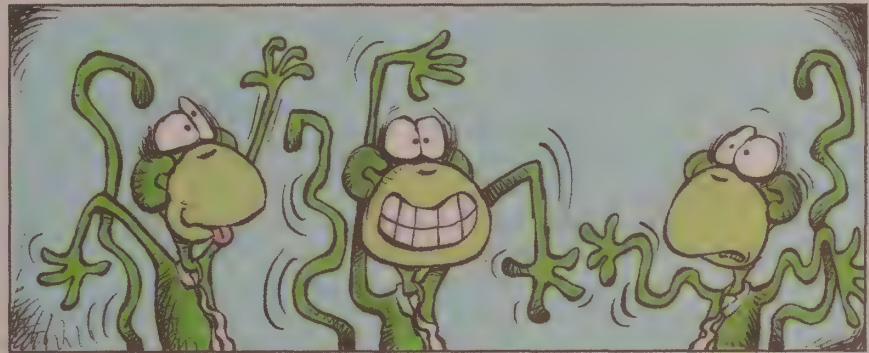
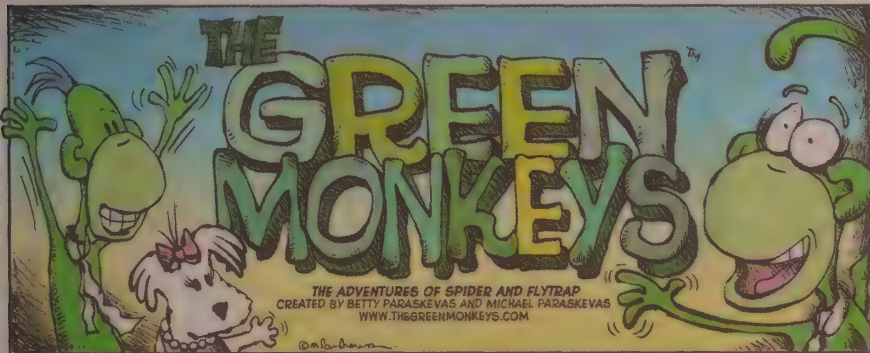
Organic market \$2.50

The Banana Gap, calculated as the multiple between 25¢ and \$2.50, is now 10. The last time I did a study on the banana gap was in 2009 at which time the factor was six.

Thus does the gap in America widen between

rich and poor. All for the same banana.

And just think, if you got your bananas at the small grocery and gave up buying bananas at the all-organic market, you would save enough money to buy an oceanfront estate in the Hamptons in just 26 million years. 🍌



Then and Now

Two Encounters on Cartwright Island in Gardiners Bay



BY DAN RATTINER

Someone asked me the other day if I could give an example of how things have changed in the Hamptons from years ago.

What sprang immediately to my mind was a party I went to on a tiny island in Gardiners Bay when I was in my 20s, and how that compared to what happened on this same island recently when some people tried to have a party there.

The island in question is called Cartwright Island. Gardiners Island is two miles north of this tiny island, and the mainland at Barnes Landing is two miles to the south. You get there by paddleboard or, by dropping anchor, by boat. From east to west it's about a hundred feet across. From north to south it's about 400 feet. There are low dunes and beach grass.

In the summer of 2018, Rod Richardson and his family were paddle boarding in the bay near Cartwright Island. Paddling along, they encountered several families in four boats going the other way who, as they passed the Richardsons, said they'd just been told by security people that they could not use the Cartwright Island beach.

Richardson and his family continued on anyway. And when they got to the island and he came ashore, Richardson had an encounter with the security people. At a certain point, Richardson pulled up two NO TRESPASSING signs out of the ground. Marine Patrol had by now been called. When the patrol arrived, they told Richardson that Cartwright Island was part of Gardiners Island and gave Richardson two summonses—one for third-degree criminal tampering and

the other for trespassing, *The East Hampton Star* reported.

Richardson fought these summonses into 2019 and ultimately lost. His last line of defense was asking for the East Hampton Trustees to help. The Trustees are empowered to protect public beach access. The Trustees hired Steve Boerner, a local historian, to look into the matter and make a report on whether Cartwright is public or part of Gardiners, and after Boerner made his report saying yes, it is part of Gardiners, the Trustees indicated there was nothing they could do.

So no, you can't sit on the beach at Cartwright Island. Not anymore, anyway.

The party I went to on that little island took place 40 days after Neil Armstrong landed on the moon in July 1969. There were about a hundred of us, and we were there without permission of the Gardiners. As always when we'd picnic there, we just went.

On that island, two men had spent three months building a 15-foot-tall steel sculpture, *LUNAR SUITE 1*. The party was to celebrate that fact—a gallery opening.

Caviar, cheese, crackers and champagne were there. A band played. Everyone was in a celebratory mood. We watched the sunset. A reporter from *Newsday* interviewed the two sculptors. One was Bob Dhaemers, a professor at Mills College. The other was Ronnie de Rosa, a Manhattan-based commercial artist. They said they'd been camping out there with their wives in May when they got the idea to build such a thing. They came back with propane blowtorches and pieces of steel, and after three months, this was the result.

At one point, a small Piper Cub airplane circled over the beach. People thought it was just buzzing them for fun, but then it circled low and came in for a landing. People shouted for everyone to get back from the beach, and so in came the plane and, light as a feather to land there.

"Get these folks some champagne," partygoers shouted as three passengers hopped out, smiling and waving.

Newsday asked the two men if the sculpture was for sale—Dhaemers said yes and Da Rose said no. Well, whatever.

King Charles II of England issued a Proprietor's Patent to Lion Gardiner in 1639 after that gentleman showed he had a signed deed from the Montaukett Chief Wyandanch. Early maps show Gardiners Island, with a one-mile-long tail to the north and the two-mile-long tail to Cartwright. The patent gave that first Gardiner rights similar to those given to the Towns of Southampton and East Hampton, who came a few years after Gardiner landed.

Sea level rise often puts the tails underwater. But the ownership is there. According to the Gardiners Island security people, it was reported, the offshore ownership extended off the main island for as far as an ox could walk without getting his belly wet.

LUNAR SUITE 1 remained on the island for many months and no one objected to it, except for members of the Barnes Landing Association on the mainland, who said it spoiled their sea view.

It was a great day in the Hamptons. 🐾



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But Will They Take the Grocery Store Concession at Cedar Point?



RAINY DAY GLAMPING AT CEDAR POINT PARK LAST JUNE

BY DAN RATTINER

Last spring, I was told by a wealthy Hamptons resident that a Brooklyn firm was about to take over a part of Cedar Point Park and charge campers \$300 per night for accommodations in a luxury tent. As a lawyer, he was concerned about it. For half a century or more, part of this 607-acre county park has been used as a camping facility, with sites available for \$40 a night, and it seemed in recent years to be failing. The country store inside this park has been closed for the past three years and so campers have no place for last minute purchases anymore. Maintenance work on the facility is poor. And now some New Yorkers were muscling in and taking over a clearing in the park right facing out onto the bay where the old camping community might not be able to go. There was such a thing as running a private for-profit business in a public park—they call it a concession—but he wondered if the

county was being properly compensated for this.

I've known Dick White as a friend since we were both teenagers. He lives in Montauk and has been on the County Park Commission for a dozen years or more, and as April turned to May I said I wanted to have a look up there and asked if I needed any kind of pass to get into this site.

"You can just drive right in and park wherever you want. There's a booth at the entrance, but usually it is unmanned. It's not a problem."

My wife and I drove up there on a Friday morning, two weeks before Memorial Day weekend. The unmanned entry booth was in need of repainting and repair, as were the locked-up country store and the police facility, and we went down the potholed roads and through the woods, passing a half-dozen trailers set up on camping sites, where people were about to rough it and pay \$40 a night for the privilege. People sitting on aluminum folding chairs looked at us curiously as we drove along. More than a hundred

other regular camping sites were unoccupied.

You couldn't miss the "glamping" site. Thirty sparkling new white tents had been set up on wooden platforms side-by-side in six rows, facing out onto the pebbly beach and the lapping waters of the bay beyond. Adjacent to these tents was a field where two much larger white tents were set up across from some luxury portable toilet and shower facilities. In between, on the lawn, was a fire pit and folding tables, chairs and couches. Nobody was there, so we walked around.

Soon a car pulled up and we came to meet one of several employees who were bringing supplies out to this place, which was called Terra Glamping. And they explained how it all worked.

One of the big tents was filled with lounge chairs, sofas, a phone-charger station, books, cards and board games. The other big tent was for a continental breakfast buffet that offered fresh pastries, cut fruit, yogurt, orange juice, coffee and granola.

There was yoga at dawn in the field, swimming, sunbathing and hiking activities during the day, music in the evening and a grilling area nearby—just bring your own. But no electricity or wifi. Evenings were by flashlight, with quiet time starting at 10 p.m.

They told us we could look around, but please not to go into the tents, though we could look through the screened windows. Some tents had been rented, breakfast had been served, and those few people had gone off into town.

We walked the beach and saw kayaks and paddling boards in racks. It was a very peaceful scene. There was beach access alongside the glamping for the regular campers to go to the beach. Stakes three feet high with clotheslines attached defined the glamping area. But people could go in and out.

Some of the tents were open so you could look in. The furniture was luxurious, the double bed inviting, the rugs reminiscent of an African safari. Very nice indeed. Certainly a lovely getaway for hiking and kayaking and more.

What I learned in investigating all this was how luxury glamping contrasted with the regular camping and how hard up the County Parks Department was for money, not just at Cedar Point but in every county facility it oversees. Repairs and improvements are needed everywhere. Budgets were created for the county to approve, which they did, but for years there has been a freeze on spending money on anything at all other than keeping the places they have open, Dick White told me, with just the lightest sprinkling of county employees imaginable. I had no idea the County Parks Department was so broke.

One example of this, besides the decline of the facilities at Cedar Point, was what is happening to the Vanderbilt boathouse in Centerport. The Vanderbilt Mansion and grounds were taken over by the county in the 1940s, and the boathouse, a magnificent Victorian structure, is falling to ruin. They just didn't have the funds to stop it. In recent years, the county has sold public properties it owns because it could not take care of them. They sold Long Wharf to the Village of Sag Harbor. They sold the Shinnecock Inlet Marina, docks and parking facilities in Hampton Bays to the Town of Southampton.

As for Cedar Point, White added, the country store closed and locked because the people running it were elderly and couldn't manage it anymore. Without it, he believes, the number of camping units has gone into a downward spiral. There is nowhere to get a quart of milk or even toilet paper.

Furthermore, attempts by the county to grant a "concession" for someone to run the store has had no takers. And amid all this, they began running a glamping facility at Cedar Point. They asked for competing bids, got a few, and took this one. The glamping company pays the county a monthly fee.

During the summer, I had no occasion to go "glamping." I have a home in East Hampton. But when fall came, I asked Dick White if he would ask his commissioners to answer some questions

about how the summer went. I put it in an email. Here's what came back.

"Nick Gibbons sent us your email from Dan Rattiner of *Dan's Papers*. The answer to his questions are below.

"Terra Glamping were pleased with their first season results.

"Suffolk County Parks has asked Terra Glamping about considering operating the camp store and they are very interested. We are hoping to have a contract in place in time for the next season.

"Overall there was minimal difference in negative feedback from previous years at Cedar Point County Park. The park experienced an increase in the number of reservations for the 2019 season over the two previous seasons.

"Suffolk County Parks is always looking to improve our parks and their operations. We are looking forward to having a new picnic area by the camp store available for groups and individuals for next season.

"The County did not receive any legal complaints regarding Glamping."

As of February 2020, the concession for the store at Cedar Point is still up for grabs. Call 631-854-4949. 🍷

One of the big tents was filled with lounge chairs, sofas, a phone-charger station and more.



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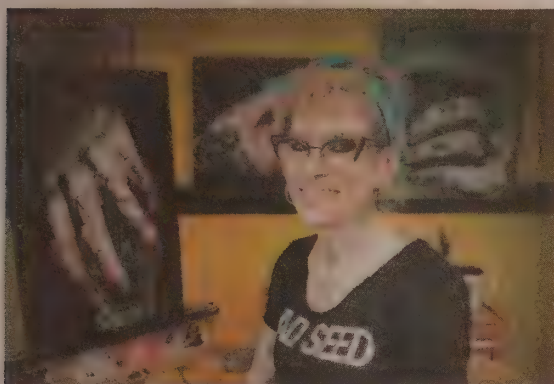
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This Week's Cover Artist: Jackee Sandelands-Strom



Jackee Sandelands-Strom, who moved to the United Kingdom in 2014 after living in the United States her whole life, lives and breathes art. In addition to her painting, Sandelands-Strom is also a talented tattoo artist, inking dynamic and intricate work on clients.

What was the inspiration for this piece?

The inspiration for this painting was simply watching a bouquet of fresh roses start to wither. The way the petals started to curl and the tones started to change was beautiful and fascinating so I felt like I needed to paint it, delicately caressed by the hand that cared for it.

Talk about your artistic process.

I don't really have much of an artistic process,

or if I do, it's too ingrained to realize it is a process. I am inspired by things on a daily basis, whether by their color or their texture, and when I sit to paint, I get excited just to try to accomplish the complexity of what I've seen. I pick my references—often I get photos on my cell phone of people out and about—and I keep them nearby while I start to try to capture the tones and textures of that experience.

Tell us about your art studio, The Keep.

The Keep is a collaborative studio with my husband, Tom Strom, who is an amazing artist and tattoo artist, and our good friend Elliott Wells, a very successful tattooer from England. We inspire and challenge each other daily to push the limits of all the creative outlets we have, and we have a good time doing it. We are based in Edinburgh, Scotland, although Tom and I are originally from America. I am a dual citizen between the U.S. and U.K. We have lived away from the States since 2014 and have been in Scotland since the beginning of 2017.

How does your artistic process with fine art differ from tattoo art?

The fine art process is a bit more freeing for me, as I paint what I want to paint, versus styling a tattoo specifically for someone. Other than that, my painting process doesn't really compare to tattooing, I don't think anyone would have



the patience to allow as many layers as I do in a painting to be tattooed on them. But as most people familiar with my work know, I am inspired by the tattoo world and love painting tattoos.

See more of Jackee Sandelands-Strom's work on Instagram @sandelands and at thekeepedinburg.com.



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HarborFrost 2020: A Schedule of Extreme Proportions

There's something mystifying about the combination of fire and ice—extreme heat and intense cold. Seemingly opposite, both hold the capacity for incredible beauty, able to be transformed by elemental experts into breathtaking displays. And that's something East Enders have to look forward to every year at the annual HarborFrost. This year, Rich Daly, the fastest ice carver in the world, returns to once again dazzle Sag Harbor visitors and locals with a bevy of new ice sculptures, including one massive display that he and his chainsaw will bring into existence at a live demonstration. Keith Leaf will bend fire to his will with a masterful show where he'll juggle and whip the flames at lightning speed. He'll be followed by the Fiery Sensations, who will put on an intricate fire dance routine.

In addition to the elemental displays, the 10th annual HarborFrost on Saturday, February 29, features more returning favorites, including the HarborFrost Hike, live music throughout the village, the Frosty Plunge and kids activities. New this year are Shuck Therapy with the world's fastest oyster shucker, Paddy McMurray, and a spectacular drone laser light show finale, both presented by Baron's Cove. With the Long Wharf under construction, this year's festivities will largely take place at the new John Steinbeck Waterfront Park at the foot of LCpl Jordan Haerter Veterans' Memorial Bridge.

Sag Harbor knows how to party, and HarborFrost 2020 is shaping up to be the biggest block party of the winter.

Check out the full schedule below:



10 A.M. HarborFrost Hike: Join the Friends of the Long Pond Greenbelt at Mashashimuet Park (395 Main Street) for a comfortably paced two-mile hike around Round Pond, Fore and Aft Pond and the old railroad spur trail that was once used for the transport of ice.

11:30 A.M. Culinary Stroll: Embark on a journey of epic flavors with the 2020 restaurant stroll, featuring The American Hotel, Lulu Kitchen & Bar and LT Burger. Registration is \$50 and can be done at Il Capuccino (30 Madison Street).

NOON–3 P.M. Free glitter tattoos at The Wharf Shop (69A Main Street).

NOON–6 P.M. Live music at Faherty (56 Main Street).

1 P.M. Frosty Plunge: Register at the Windmill by making a donation to the Sag Harbor Volunteer Ambulance, then get ready to dive into the icy cold Sag Harbor Bay at 2 p.m.

1–4 P.M. HarborFrost @ the Library: Warm up inside John Jermain Library (201 Main Street) with a self-serve hot chocolate and tea station, and don't forget to snap a picture at the green screen photo station.

1–4 P.M. Free face painting at White's Apothecary (20 Main Street).

1–6 P.M. Shuck Therapy: Oyster shucking champion Paddy McMurray demonstrates his incredible skill at Baron's Cove (31 West Water Street) while guests slurp fresh oysters, raw bar favorites and chowder. Plus, hear the popular Tom & Lisa Band perform.

1:30 P.M. Live Music: Jake Lear performs at K Pasa (2 Main Street).

2 P.M. Rich Daly performs a live ice carving demonstration at the John Steinbeck Waterfront Park.

2 P.M. Ice Breaker Sailing Regatta: Cheer on the Breakwater Yacht Club as racers speed through the bay.

2–5 P.M. Soup Supper: Feast on bottomless bowls of soothing soups, plus bread and beverages, at The Old Whalers' Church (44 Union Street). The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids, and there will be a 50/50 raffle.

2–4 P.M. Face Painting at Stella & Ruby (144 Main Street).

2–5 P.M. KidsFun: Children are welcome to engage in indoor fun and games at Sanctuary Home & Patio (11 Bridge Street).

2:30 P.M. Live Music: Alfredo Merat performs at K Pasa (2 Main Street).

2:30 & 3:30 P.M. Fire Juggler: Keith Leaf performs his amazing comedy fire juggling routine at the John Steinbeck Waterfront Park.

3:30 P.M. Live Music: The Second Hands performs at Berry and Co. (51 Division Street).

4:30 P.M. Live Music: Ludmilla Brazil performs at BuddhaBerry (125 Mains Street).

5:30 P.M. Fire Dancers: The Fiery Sensations performs at the John Steinbeck Waterfront Park.

6 P.M. Laser Light Show: Watch in amazement as drones dance over Sag Harbor Bay producing colorful displays.

8 P.M. Soul Spectacular: The HooDoo Loungers are digging deep into the roots of 1960s and '70s soul music—from Aretha Franklin to Ray Charles—to create an electrifying experience you won't want to miss. Plus, Mighty Ramon and the Phantom of Souls is making their soulful Bay Street Theater debut. Tickets are \$30.

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Keith Leaf: Playing with Fire in Sag Harbor



Keith Leaf grew up in the circus, but he ran away with a normal family in New York. This, unfortunately, was before he learned any circus skills."

Upon reading Leaf's bio on his website, this shocking line quickly jumps out at the reader, raising many questions about Leaf's unique upbringing, but like much of his HarborFrost fire juggling show, it's all in jest. The East Hamptonite's first experience with the circus came when he was age seven and a juggler at the Third Avenue Street Fair tossed knives and balls around young Leaf, mesmerizing him with the tossing patterns and inspiring his burning desire to learn the skill.

On a trip to New Zealand years later, Leaf met some fire performers that inspired him to purchase his first fire juggling device. He soon realized that juggling gave him a strange sense of peace. "I stopped meditating and reading books, and juggling became my meditation," he explains. "I had to juggle three to eight hours a day—it was compulsive! If I didn't do it, I'd be unhappy."

While attending Cabrillo College in California, Leaf founded the Juggling Club and served as its president for four years. Graduating with a degree in Philosophy/Religion, his circus education comes from the Coney Island Sideshow Workshop and MotionFest in Baltimore. During his days of working day jobs at Hamptons restaurants including La Superica, Sen and the Corner Bar,

he was given the opportunity to perform his first street show at Mallory Square in Key West, and he has since performed at prestigious venues across the country, including the grand Metropolitan Opera House. In addition to being a travelling performer, he has also served as a senior artist and circus education specialist at the National Circus Project for 16 years, where he teaches children how to juggle, walk on stilts and perform other show-stopping skills.

Leaf's juggling shows have developed and expanded over time, now including a dynamic fire show, light-up show, partner show and comedy juggling that showcase his masterful control of knives, plungers, fire staffs, torches, flaming lassos, meteor ropes, Chinese yo-yos, tennis rackets, clubs, poi balls and more. "I'm not a technical juggler," he clarifies. "There are people who juggle a whole bunch of things for a whole bunch of time—I'm more of a comedy juggler, but I'm skilled for a comedy juggler."

A longtime HarborFrost and HarborFest crowd-pleaser, Leaf began as an ambient juggler and stilt walker before graduating to one of the hottest events on the schedule. For HarborFrost 2020, he'll first engage kids by letting them try their

hand at basic plate spinning. Then his acclaimed fire juggling show begins, where flaming rackets, torches and staffs will fly as Leaf balances on a rolla bolla and cracks zinger after zinger. He may even light his pants on fire (*on purpose, relax*), and if guests are really lucky, he'll save an extra special trick for the Fiery Sensations fire dancing show that follows.

"Sometimes I'm funny, sometimes I'm amusing," he says. "Things that are funny make you laugh, and things that are amusing make you smile, but both bring joy into this world. So what I do is create something out of nothing. I stand in front of people, and I talk, tell jokes, put on music, juggle and I create an atmosphere of joy and happiness. This is very rewarding for me and for my audience." 🐼

BY DAVID TAYLOR

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See Keith Leaf's amazing comedy fire show at HarborFrost 2020 on Saturday, February 29 at 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. For more info about HarborFrost, visit sagharborchamber.com, and for more about Leaf, visit keithleaf.com.

HarborFrost

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Supreme Dreams: Mary Wilson Performs at Suffolk Theater

The Supremes, one of Motown's most legendary girl groups, were known for their iconic singles, fabulous fashion and tumultuous personal drama. First known as The Primettes in 1959, the group originally consisted of Florence Ballard, Mary Wilson, Diana Ross and Betty McGlowen before skyrocketing to fame throughout the 1960s as Diana Ross & the Supremes. While they disbanded in 1977, the music of The Supremes is beloved to this day. Wilson, who stayed with the group until it disbanded, still performs solo concerts throughout the world and will hit Suffolk Theater on Sunday, March 1.

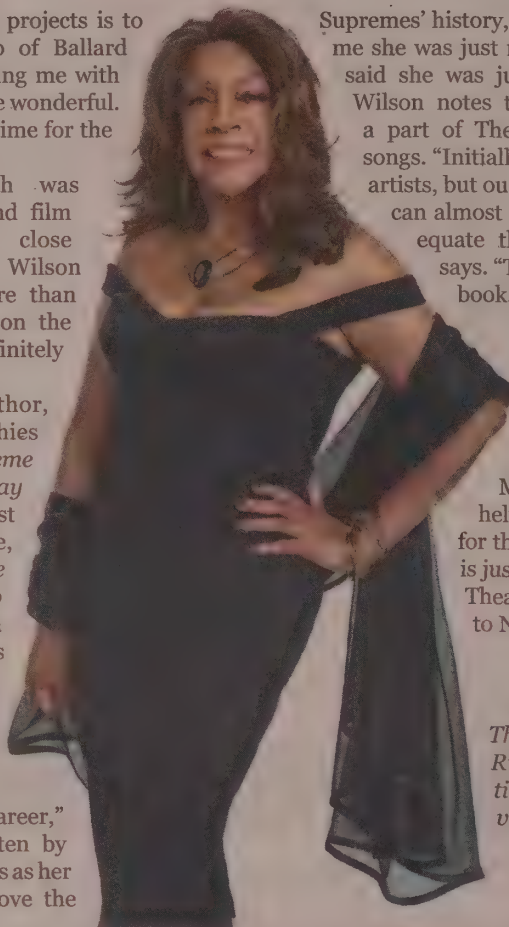
"I will probably have eight, nine or 10 Supremes songs, but then I do some rock-and-roll things," Wilson says of the Suffolk Theater performance. "I might do my Rolling Stones medley there, and I love ballads, so I'll do some of my big ballads. I'd say my forte is singing ballads, even though my history and making money and selling records is Supremes! It's going to be a sort of eclectic show, but it's always up. The show is geared to make people feel good."

In addition to continuing to perform, Wilson continues to find ways to tell the story of The Supremes, which went through periods of both turmoil and triumph. It's impossible to mention The Supremes without referencing the late Ballard, who was fired from the group in 1967, just as Ross became the headliner. Ballard battled with alcoholism and depression for years, and sadly died of a heart attack just as she was on the cusp of a comeback in 1976. Ballard, who was just 32, was dealing with deep trauma from a sexual assault as a teen that Wilson has opened up about in order to dispel misconceptions about the troubled

talent. One of Wilson's current projects is to have a commemorative stamp of Ballard created. "A lot of fans are helping me with this, and I think it would be quite wonderful. I'm hoping we can get it out in time for the Supremes' 60th anniversary."

Despite the drama—which was fictionalized in the musical and film *Dreamgirls*—Wilson remains close with Ross. "We're sisters," Wilson says. "I probably see her more than my [actual] sister. We're not on the phone every day, but we are definitely still friends."

Wilson is also an author, having released autobiographies *Dreamgirl: My Life As a Supreme* and *Supreme Faith: Someday We'll Be Together*. Her newest book, a coffee table tome, *Supreme Glamour: The Inside Story of the Original Pop Fashionistas*, goes in-depth on the Supremes' distinctive gowns and outfits. "Even though it's about the gowns and all the pizzazz that we did wearing them on various TV shows around the world, it has a really great overview of our entire career," she says. The book is co-written by Mark Bego, who Wilson describes as her partner in crime. "Fans who love the



Supremes' history, all that is there. One girl told me she was just reading the text, another one said she was just looking at the pictures!" Wilson notes that the fashion is as much a part of The Supremes' oeuvre as their songs. "Initially, we started out as recording artists, but our image really caught on and I can almost say, at this point, that people equate the music and fashion," she says. "That's why I decided to do this book. The fashion was so big!"

At 75, Wilson shows no signs of slowing down. She was a contestant on the most recent season of *Dancing with the Stars*, and was an active proponent of the Music Modernization Act, which helps musicians receive royalties for their work. But for now, Wilson is just excited to perform at Suffolk Theater: "I just can't wait to come to New York!"

BY LEE MEYER

See Mary Wilson at Suffolk Theater, 118 East Main Street, Riverhead, on March 1. For tickets and more information, visit suffolktheater.com.

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Love Bites: Local Chefs & Friends Cook for Katy's Courage

Dining on incredible food by talented East End chefs is always a worthy endeavor, but the activity becomes that much sweeter if it's in support of a good cause. One such opportunity returns this Saturday, February 29 from 7–11 p.m. at the annual Love Bites tasting extravaganza to benefit Katy's Courage—a Hamptons-based charity dedicated to raising funds for local scholarships, pediatric cancer research and Katy's Kids @ CMEE in honor of Katy Stewart, a 12-year-old Sag Harbor girl who died of a rare pediatric cancer, devastating her family and all who knew her in 2011.

Kicking off a weekend of fundraisers for the nonprofit, including the annual Katy's Courage Skate-a-Thon at Buckskill Winter Club on Sunday, Love Bites has moved this year from the Muses in Southampton to its new location at the Bridgehampton Community House (2368 Montauk Highway, Bridgehampton). As part of the change, event chair and chef Peter Ambrose of Endless Summer Events Catering, along with numerous friends and contributors, is adding an exciting outdoor barbecue to the lineup.

"About four or five of us are going to be doing similar dishes to what we did at the GrillHampton event this past summer," Ambrose explains, adding, "We're going to have a tent alongside the community house, so everything outside is going to be barbecue-influenced food." Ambrose and his friends, including Green Hill Kitchen & Que chef and three-time Dan's GrillHampton winner Matty Boudreau, Arthur Wolf of Smokin' Wolf



BBQ and chef Alex Von Salad of Von Salad Farms will man the grills outside while guests enjoy the comfort of heated tents.

"I'm doing a coffee-rubbed short rib hash topped with a guajillo chili citrus shrimp," Ambrose reveals, noting that Boudreau is making his famous brisket, while Wolf grills St. Louis ribs and Von Salad offers a variety of grilled root vegetables, mac 'n' cheese and any side accompaniments the other chefs need with their barbecue. "Arthur and Matt have both participated in Love Bites the last couple of years [as has Von Salad]," he continues. "I thought it'd be a good idea to do something a little different this year.... It's going to work very well. We had a tent donated, heaters donated, so we'll be able to have indoor and outdoor for people and have it still be comfortable and nice and everything."

In addition to the new barbecue area, Love Bites will feature music by DJ Michael of East End Entertainment, a silent auction, Golfer's Ultimate Dream Raffle and tastes from more than 20 recognized chefs, restaurants and vendors, including A Kitchen 4 Liam, Art of Eating Catering, The Bell & Anchor, Bostwick's Chowder House, The Clubhouse, Coche Comedor, Elegant Affairs Caterers, The Golden Pear Café, Grace & Grit, The Mill House, Peconic Gold Oysters, Saaz, Silver Spoon Specialties, Dreesen's Doughnuts, Hampton Coffee Company, Jerri's Cakery & Confections, Sag Harbor Baking Company, Diplomático Rum, Montauk Brewing Company and Cellier Wines Distributing.



LOVE BITES 2019

"We do have tons of charities out here that we all work for, but Katy's Courage seems to be the community's charity of choice," Ambrose says, explaining why he's helped raise money for them through Love Bites for the last half-decade. "Between the [Katy's Courage 5K] run and the skate-a-thon and this, it seems like something that everybody out here has gotten behind," he says.

After Love Bites on Saturday, the weekend will continue at 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 1 with the ninth annual Skate-a-Thon at Buckskill Winter Club at 178 Buckskill Road in East Hampton. All proceeds will benefit Katy's Courage.

BY OLIVER PETERSON

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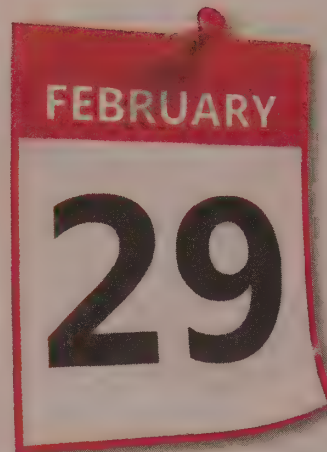
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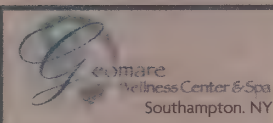
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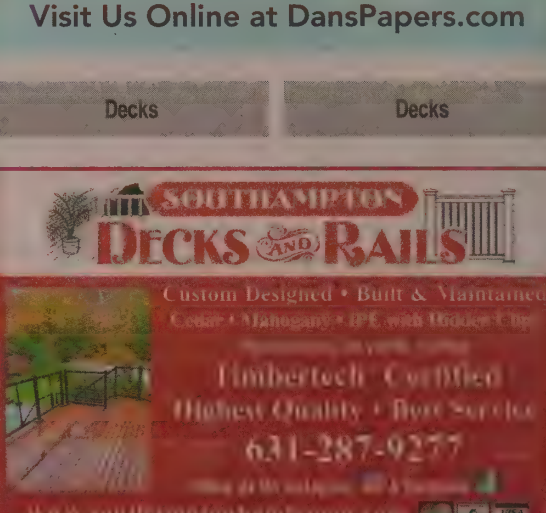
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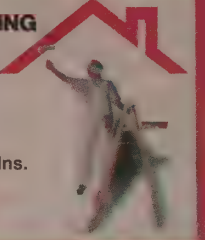
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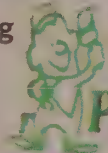
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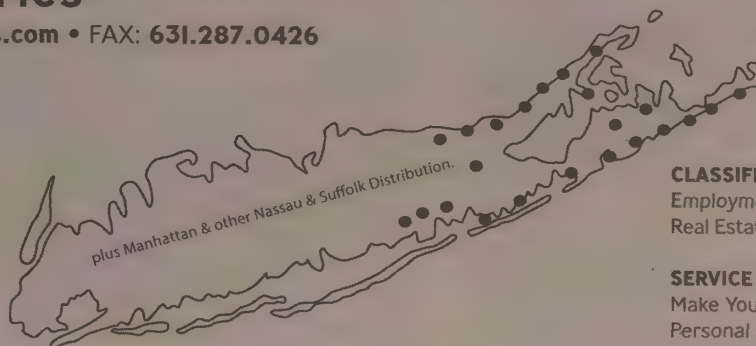
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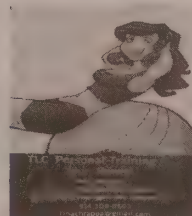


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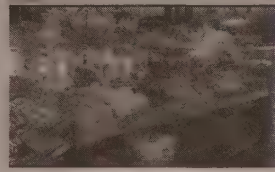
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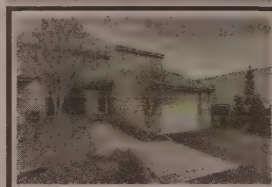
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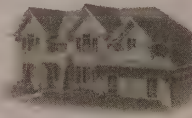
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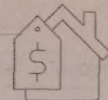
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